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Mr. Ralph J. Kennedy
Vice President/Treasurer
Arizona Water Company
P.O. Box 29006
Phoenix, AZ. 85038-9006

RE: ARIZONA WATER COMPANY (NORTHERN GROUP) – APPLICATION FOR AN
PERMANT INCREASE IN RATES. DOCKET NO. W-01445A-00-0962

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

In reference to your rate application received on November 22, 2000, this letter is to inform you that your application has met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103. The filing is in compliance with the Arizona Corporation Commission's ("Commission") requirements as of December 22, 2000 for purposes of A.A.C. 14-2-103.B.7. The Docket Number of your rate application is W-01445A-00-0962. Your utility has been classified as Class A.

Barring any substantial amendments to the filing or extraordinary events the testimony regarding this application should be docketed on or about June 20, 2001, and a Commission Decision rendered on or before December 17, 2001.

The Staff person assigned to your application is Crystal Brown, and she can be reached at (602) 542-0864, or in-state, toll free, at 1 800-222-7000, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda Jaress
Acting Chief, Accounting and Rates
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